

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Lin, <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1645
Serial No.:	08/182,183	Examiner:	Marianne P. Allen
Filed:	May 23, 1994	Docket No.:	SYNE-225-E (SYNE225/C4-US)
For:	GLIAL CELL LINE- DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR	Date:	May 5, 1998

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS  
SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a)  
RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

**BOX AF**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 11, 1997 (Paper No. 31) a shortened statutory period for response was set, ending March 11, 1998. A request for a two (2) month extension of time accompanies this response and extends the time for response to May 11, 1998.

This application is pending for at least two (2) years as of June 8, 1995. The following is Applicants' second submission after final rejection, under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a). This submission and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) are filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to abandonment of the application. The submission being made includes an amendment to the claims and a new substantive argument. No amendment introduces new matter into the disclosure of the application. The Applicants, therefore, request that the finality of the previous Office action be withdrawn pursuant to §1.129(a) and the amendments entered.